wherein the light source means includes means for producing a collimated light beam; and

wherein the light source means includes focusing means for focusing the collimated light beam to a confocal region located with tissue at a point below the tissue surface.--

--New Claim 35. The apparatus of Claim 34 wherein the means for producing a collimated light beam comprises a pulsed laser operating the near infra-red spectrum.

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is to add those claims which were added in the parent application in a preliminary amendment but were subject to a restriction requirement.

Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited. If any additional fee should be due, please charge our Deposit Account 03-3135.

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